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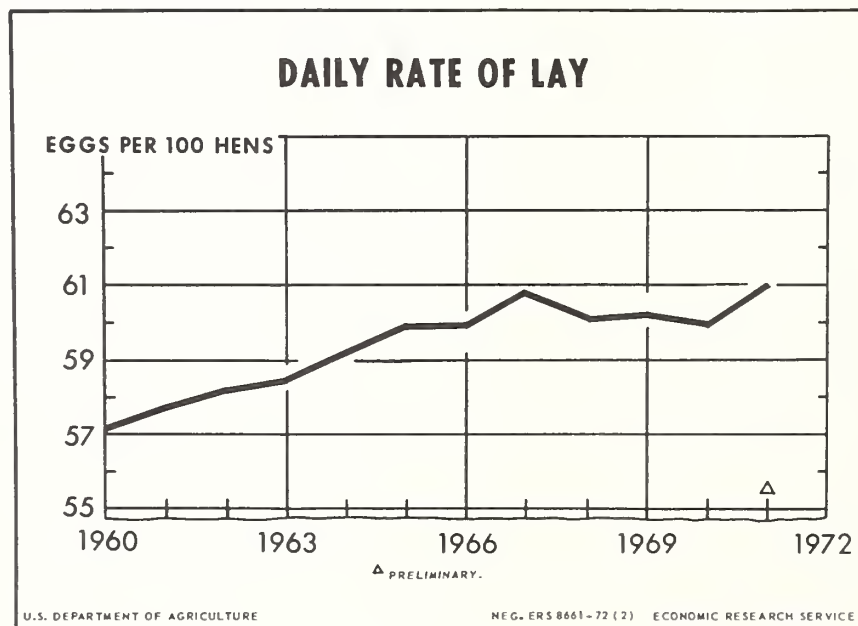
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Table 1.—Poultry and Egg Situation at a Glance

Item	Unit	1970-71				1971-72			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Eggs									
Farm production	Mil. eggs	5,909	5,803	6,102	6,153	5,987	5,917	6,168	
Average number of layers on farms ..	Mil.	327.1	330.3	333.3	332.3	321.8	326.7	328.3	
Rate of lay per layer	Mil. eggs	18.1	17.6	18.3	18.5	18.6	18.1	18.8	
Frozen egg production	Mil. lb.	28.8	23.4	24.4	26.4	29.6	28.6	27.8	
Dried egg production	Mil. lb.	6.3	5.1	5.0	6.2	¹ 9.2	¹ 8.9	¹ 8.7	
Prices received by farmers	Ct. per doz.	32.3	35.7	37.7	35.8	28.4	29.7	34.1	29.8
Retail prices (BLS)									
Grade AA large	Ct. per doz.	58.8	54.8	58.4	60.6	52.0	50.3	53.8	
Prices paid for laying feed	Dol. per ton	87.0	86.0	87.0	88.0	83.0	83.0	83.0	84.0
Egg-feed price ratio	Pounds	7.4	8.3	8.7	8.2	6.8	7.2	8.2	7.1
Stocks, first of month:									
Shell	Thous. cases	178.0	136.0	76.0	51.0	134.0	135.0	94.0	60.0
Frozen	Mil. lb.	59.8	57.7	54.9	49.9	84.0	82.2	80.2	73.8
Replacement chicks hatched	Mil.	42.2	35.5	35.5	40.4	33.8	32.5	31.6	39.0
Poultry									
Federally inspected slaughter cert.									
Broilers	Mil. lb.	633.4	512.9	561.5	563.1	624.5	576.2	600.7	
Turkeys	Mil. lb.	276.9	244.9	149.2	49.9	256.0	242.9	146.1	
Price at farm, live weight									
Broilers	Ct. per lb.	12.4	12.9	12.0	13.0	13.0	12.6	12.1	13.4
Chicken, excluding broilers	Ct. per lb.	7.3	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.8	8.2	8.2
Turkeys	Ct. per lb.	22.3	22.0	22.5	21.7	21.9	22.1	23.1	22.8
9-city wholesale broiler price	Ct. per lb.	24.9	25.9	24.4	26.4	25.9	24.8	24.2	27.1
Retail price									
Broilers	Ct. per lb.	39.2	38.2	40.9	40.1	41.1	40.3	40.1	
Turkeys	Ct. per lb.	56.0	56.1	54.0	54.0	55.9	55.6	54.8	
Broiler-feed price	Dol. per ton	98.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	94.0	94.0	95.0	96.0
Broiler-feed price ratio	Pounds	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8
Turkey-feed price	Dol. per ton	96.0	96.0	97.0	98.0	93.0	92.0	91.0	93.0
Turkey-feed price ratio	Pounds	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.9
Stocks, first of month:									
Broilers	Mil. lb.	31.8	33.6	38.6	39.3	27.9	29.0	32.0	31.6
Turkeys	Mil. lb.	343.0	450.5	313.1	218.9	389.0	475.2	308.7	223.1
Total poultry	Mil. lb.	516.2	628.1	486.1	390.6	547.5	635.5	467.1	378.2
Average weekly placements of									
Broiler chicks in 22 States	Mil.	195.1	217.2	277.9	225.2	203.4	219.2	285.4	235.1

¹ Data not comparable to previous reports.

POULTRY AND EGG SITUATION

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SUMMARY

Look for a small expansion in broiler and turkey output and a tapering off in egg production this year. Stronger poultry and egg prices are likely during 1972. Prices will be bolstered by increased consumer incomes, higher red meat prices, and substantially lower pork supplies.

Egg output may decline to near year-earlier levels during the first half of 1972 and average slightly lower in the second half. The laying flock likely will be down moderately throughout 1972, but output per layer will increase. The laying flock as of January 1 this year was down 2 percent. In addition, the July-December 1971 hatch of egg-type pullet chicks for flock replacement during the first half of 1972 was down 7 percent. However, use of Marek's vaccine has substantially reduced the mortality both of replacement pullets and layers, providing a larger, healthier, and more productive laying flock. On January 1 the rate of lay was up a little more than 2.5 percent. The increase during 1972 probably will be less because the current rate already reflects the effects of the vaccine, and laying flocks will average older than last year.

Egg prices in early 1972 have been sharply below a year earlier. Producer egg prices in mid-January averaged 29.8 cents a dozen, 4 cents below the previous month and 6 cents below mid-January 1971. Prices are expected to strengthen in coming weeks as demand picks up for Easter and output eases relative to a year earlier. Prices may again decline seasonally in the spring before strengthening as usual during the last half of 1972. Slightly smaller egg supplies, a small increase in use of eggs for hatching purposes, and smaller supplies of some high-protein foods, particularly pork, will likely boost egg prices above the low year-earlier levels during summer and fall.

Moderately increased broiler meat output is likely during 1972 as producers respond to lower feed prices in the first half. Placements of broiler chicks for first quarter 1972 market supplies were up 2 percent, with larger gains later in the period. Also, broiler-type chick eggs in incubators on January 1 were 4 percent above a year earlier. Weekly reports indicate more eggs were set through early February. Thus, broiler meat output in the first half will be moderately above the same period of 1971. Output likely will increase as usual in the summer and continue above year-earlier levels for the rest of 1972.

Broiler prices were above a year earlier last spring and summer but fell below in the fall as output increased sharply. Broiler meat output in Federally inspected slaughter plants during November and December was 9 percent above the same months of 1970. Broiler prices strengthened during January, again moving above a year earlier. Wholesale broiler prices in 9 cities during January averaged 27.1 cents a pound, ready-to-cook weight, up 3 cents from a month earlier and about 1 cent above January 1971. Smaller pork supplies, increased consumer incomes, and high beef and pork prices will tend to support broiler prices this year.

Higher turkey prices in late 1971 and lower feed prices may result in a slight to moderate expansion in the 1972 turkey crop. Turkey meat output during the first half of 1972 will be moderately above the relatively

high level of the first 6 months of 1971. The late 1971 poult hatch indicates that market supplies for the first half of this year will be up 5 to 6 percent. Eggs in incubators on January 1 were down 2 percent but weekly reports for 10 States indicate that the weekly egg settings during January were about 8 percent above January 1971. Of course, size of the total 1972 crop will depend mostly on poult production during the seasonally heavy March-July period. Turkey growers have reported intentions to raise only 1 percent more turkeys this year.

Turkey prices probably will weaken seasonally this winter but stay above year-earlier levels throughout 1972, partly because of smaller pork supplies and increased consumer incomes.

SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

EGG SITUATION

1971 Output Large

Monthly egg production during 1971 held above the same months of 1970. Output for the year totaled a record 200 million cases, more than 2 percent above the previous year. From more than 4 percent larger in early 1971, it tapered off to 1 or 2 percent larger by the end of the year.

Layers on farms and eggs produced

Calendar quarter	Number of layers		Egg per layer		Eggs produced	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	Mil.	Mil.	No.	No.	Mil. cs.	Mil. cs.
I	324	328	53.5	54.7	48.1	49.9
II	317	319	56.1	57.0	49.5	50.6
III	318	316	54.7	55.9	48.2	49.0
IV	330	326	53.9	55.5	49.5	50.2
Annual . . .	322	322	218.2	223.1	195.3	199.7

The larger output resulted from more layers during the first 6 months of 1971 and more eggs per layer throughout the year. Producers responded to relatively high egg prices in late 1969 and early 1970 by stepping up purchases of replacement chicks. This provided more replacement pullets for the laying flock during the last half of 1970. On January 1, 1971, the laying flock totaled 335 million layers, the largest for this date since 1957.

Contributing to the increased rate of lay in 1971 was the use of Marek's disease vaccine that sharply reduces mortality rates of pullets prior to and after entering the laying flock and improves the general health and vigor of the layers. In addition, the increased number of pullets that entered the laying flock, combined with heavier culling of older flocks, sharply reduced the average age of the laying flock for 1971. A younger laying flock

normally is more productive. Low egg prices in 1971 caused heavier culling of older laying flocks. During January-September 1971, about 9 million or 7 percent more mature chickens were slaughtered in Federally inspected plants. But slaughter in the last quarter dropped below a year earlier and for the year totaled 183 million, 7 million more than in 1970.

The healthier and younger flock averaged an estimated 223 eggs per hen in 1971, up from 218 for 1970. The rate of lay, relative to 1970, generally trended upward during the year and averaged 3 percent higher in the closing months of 1971.

The rate of lay averaged around 210 eggs a year in the early 1960's and trended steadily upward through 1967 to 221, then fell off to 218 in 1970 before rising again in 1971.

Low Prices Persist

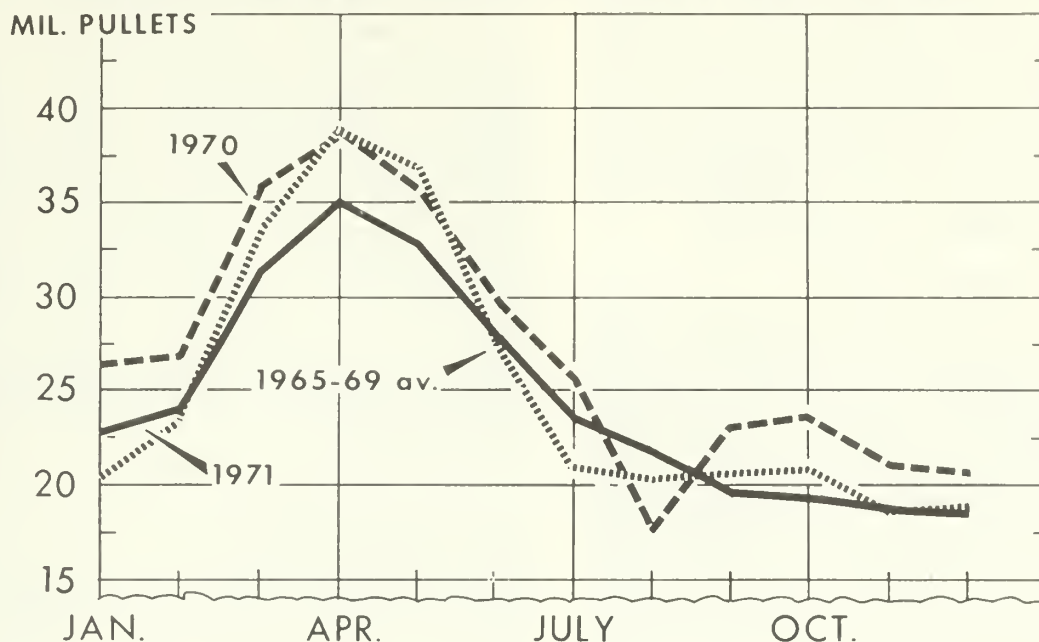
Continued expansion of egg production held prices well below year-earlier levels throughout 1971. Prices have been below the same months of the previous year since March 1970. Producer prices for all eggs during 1971 averaged about 31 cents a dozen, nearly 18 percent below the already relatively low prices of 1970.

Shell egg prices¹

Calendar quarters	Received by producer		Chicago ²			
			Large		Medium	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Cents per dozen						
I	47.6	33.3	54.4	34.3	47.5	30.2
II	31.7	29.9	34.9	30.6	28.0	24.5
III	35.9	29.9	43.5	33.5	32.1	25.0
IV	35.2	30.7	39.2	34.3	32.9	26.8
Annual . .	37.6	31.0	43.0	33.2	35.1	26.6

¹ Mid-month prices. ² Chicago, weighted average price, delivered, White, 80 percent Grade A.

PULLET CHICKS PLACED FOR LAYING FLOCKS*



* INCLUDES REPLACEMENTS FOR FLOCKS PRODUCING BOTH EGGS FOR FOOD AND HATCHING EGGS.

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Producer prices for 1971 were the lowest since the early 1940's. The low 1971 egg prices reflected a 2 percent increase in output over 1970 and a small decline in the number of eggs used for hatchery purposes. Egg prices in 1971 did not increase as usual during the summer and early fall. They did strengthen in December but fell off sharply following the holiday season.

Prices to producers in January averaged only 29.8 cents a dozen, more than 4 cents below December and well below the 35.8 cents for January 1971. Prices have continued at very low levels and Grade A large white eggs, delivered to Chicago, were 28 cents a dozen in mid-February, 1 cent below mid-January and 6 cents below a year earlier.

Egg-Feed Price Ratio Low

Lower egg prices combined with higher feed costs through August generally resulted in 1971 being an unprofitable year for many producers. Prices paid by producers for laying feed last year averaged about \$84 a ton, up \$2.50 from 1970. Prices reached a high of \$89 a ton in July then tapered off and averaged \$83 for the last 3 months of 1971.

Egg prices have declined more in recent months than feed prices, keeping the egg-feed price ratio below the previous year. The ratio in mid-January was 7.1, down from 8.2 in both December and January 1971.

Per Capita Consumption Up

Large egg supplies and relatively low prices throughout the year resulted in more eggs being consumed in 1971. Total U.S. civilian use increased about 2 percent and consumption per person at 323 eggs averaged 3 eggs more than in 1970 and the most since 1967. Per capita use during 1972 probably will ease back to near 1970 levels. During 1971, military purchases totaled around 50 million dozen, shell egg equivalent, compared with 66 million in 1970. These purchases accounted for about 1 percent of total egg production.

Larger January 1 Stocks

Increased production and low egg prices in 1971 resulted in a buildup of cold storage stocks of eggs, primarily in the form of egg products. These stocks on January 1 were equivalent to 1.9 million cases of shell eggs, 600,000 cases more than on January 1, 1971 but about 200,000 cases less than on December 1. Stocks of frozen eggs totaled 73.6 million pounds, equivalent to 1.9 million cases of shell eggs, and up from 49.9 million pounds equivalent to 1.3 million cases a year earlier. Frozen egg stocks have been well above year-earlier levels since January 1970. Shell egg stocks rose 4,000 cases to 55,000.

Hatchery Use Down Last Year

An estimated 390 million dozen eggs were used for hatching during 1971, compared with 400 million dozen in the previous year. Hatcheries used about 5 percent less during the first half as a result of reduced hatchings of both broiler-type and egg-type chicks. Hatchery use in the second half of 1971 was up about 2 percent reflecting increased broiler chick hatchings. Probably a few more eggs will be hatched throughout 1972 for broiler-type chicks but this may be partly offset by fewer eggs going for the egg-type chick hatch.

Exports Lower, Shipments Higher

Shipments in 1971 to American territories increased but exports declined. Shipments during 1971 totaled 1.2 million cases compared with 1.0 million during 1970. Despite sharply lower domestic egg prices, last year's exports of eggs and egg products declined about 15,000 cases to 503,000 cases. Eggs for hatching purposes represented about 78 percent of total exports compared with 84 percent in 1970. Combined shipments and exports accounted for less than 1 percent of production. Exports of eggs and egg products plus shipments to American territories during 1971 were up 16 percent to about 1.7 million cases.

Sharply Increased USDA Purchases

USDA bought egg mix throughout the year for use in direct food assistance programs. Purchases during 1971 totaled 31.4 million pounds at a cost of \$25.6 million, nearly double 1970 purchases of 16.6 million pounds at a cost of \$14.5 million and the largest since 1961.

Egg-type replacement hatch, by quarters, 1960-71

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
1960 ...	66.6	120.4	25.9	26.9	239.8
1961 ...	86.2	111.7	32.1	32.9	262.9
1962 ...	73.7	109.6	34.0	33.7	251.0
1963 ...	72.5	109.3	39.7	35.9	257.4
1964 ...	74.0	107.0	43.7	39.5	264.2
1965 ...	63.9	94.5	45.3	40.8	244.5
1966 ...	71.1	106.0	53.2	54.4	284.7
1967 ...	76.1	95.2	52.3	43.8	267.4
1968 ...	62.9	83.3	55.8	55.1	257.2
1969 ...	66.0	83.6	58.8	56.5	264.9
1970 ...	78.9	92.5	57.5	56.7	285.6
1971 ...	69.7	86.3	56.9	48.9	261.8

Purchases of egg mix in 1971 were equivalent to an estimated 1.6 million cases of shell eggs, nearly double the 1970 volume.

OUTLOOK FOR EGGS

Smaller Laying Flock in 1972

A smaller January 1 laying flock will contribute to holding first half 1972 egg production near the high levels of a year earlier. Increased productivity is expected to about offset the decline in layer numbers, particularly in the first half of 1972. The increase in productivity over year-earlier levels likely will taper off as the year progresses and may average near 1971 levels by the closing months of 1972. Thus, egg output for the last half of 1972 may average slightly below the same period of 1971. There were 328 million hens and pullets of laying age on January 1, 1972, 2 percent below a year

Table 2.—Egg-type chick hatchery operations, United States and 5 States reporting weekly, 1970 to date

Month	United States				5 States ¹						
	Hatch		Change from year		Hatch			Period ²	Egg settings advanced 3 weeks		
	1970-71	1971-72	Hatch	Eggs in incubators first of month	1970-71	1971-72	Change from year earlier		1970-71	1971-72	Change from year earlier
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.		Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
July	45,083	41,263	-8	-7	13,469	10,815	-20	July 4 - July 31 . . .	16,177	12,925	-20
August	29,433	38,027	29	17	8,563	9,602	12	Aug. 1 - Aug. 28 . . .	9,748	10,679	10
September	40,522	34,445	-15	-15	12,656	9,377	-26	Aug. 29 - Oct. 2 . . .	19,855	14,091	-29
October	42,167	33,845	-20	-22	12,555	8,948	-29	Oct. 3 - Oct. 30 . . .	14,680	10,013	-32
November	35,546	32,459	-9	-14	10,465	8,525	-19	Oct. 31 - Nov. 27 . .	13,120	9,911	-24
December	35,527	31,569	-11	-17	10,856	8,832	-19	Nov. 28 - Jan. 1 . . .	15,952	12,380	-22
January	40,382	39,043	-3	-2	12,271	12,651	3	Jan. 2 - Jan. 29	14,057	12,659	-10
February	42,345			-7			-9	Jan. 30 - Feb. 26 . .	15,429	14,262	-8
March	56,733										
April	63,837										
May	59,634										
June	49,081										

¹Five States are Georgia, Illinois, California, Oregon and Washington. ²Weeks of 1971-72 and corresponding weeks of 1970-71.

earlier. On December 1, 1971, the number of pullets, 3 months old and older not yet laying to enter the laying flock were up about 2 million to 52 million. This increase was more than offset by a decline of 10 percent or more than 5 million in pullets under 3 months of age on December 1. In addition, the replacement egg-type chick hatch during September-December was down about 14 percent or 10 million pullets. A substantially larger proportion of these pullets will live to enter the laying flock in coming months because use of Marek's vaccine will reduce mortality. Thus, flock size likely will continue only moderately lower during 1972.

On January 1 the rate of lay was up a little more than 2 percent from a year earlier but down from the 3 percent increase of a month earlier. Although some continued improvement in the rate of lay is likely from the use of Marek's vaccine, it probably will be much less this year than last since many birds have already shown the effects of the vaccine. In addition, the laying flock will be getting older in 1972 as fewer replacement pullets enter the flock and culling of old flocks declines. Generally, layers produce fewer eggs as they get older. Thus, the decline in productivity from an aging flock may partly counter the increase resulting from Marek's vaccine.

Better Egg Prices Seen for 1972

Egg prices likely will rise in coming weeks as demand picks up for Easter and as output eases relative to a year earlier. Although egg production in coming months may continue near 1971 levels, per capita availability will be down slightly, reflecting a small increase in population and a few more eggs being used for hatchery purposes. Egg prices likely will weaken seasonally in the spring before increasing as usual in the summer. Prices likely will average moderately above last year's low levels during the summer and fall. Egg prices will be bolstered by smaller supplies of some high-protein foods, mainly pork. The use of shell eggs by breakers may not differ much from 1971 since stocks of egg products currently are well above a year ago.

BROILER SITUATION

Output Last Year Up Slightly

Broiler meat output rose slightly in 1971. The increase resulted from a few more birds produced and a small increase in average weights. The number of young chickens marketed through Federally inspected processing plants in 1971 totaled 2.8 billion, up 0.3 percent. They averaged a record 3.68 pounds each, more than 1 percent above the prior year. And broiler meat output in Federally inspected plants during 1971 rose about 2 percent to a total of 7.3 billion pounds, ready-to-cook weight. In 1970 about 93 percent of broiler production was slaughtered in these plants, up 2 percent from 1969 largely as a result of the Wholesome

Broilers slaughtered in Federally inspected plants

Calendar quarters	Number inspected		Average live weight		Certified as wholesome (ready-to-cook weights)	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Lb.</i>	<i>Lb.</i>	<i>Mil. lb.</i>	<i>Mil. lb.</i>
I	651	660	3.63	3.67	1,676	1,710
II	738	710	3.61	3.65	1,895	1,846
III	736	738	3.58	3.64	1,882	1,924
IV	645	671	3.74	3.76	1,708	1,801
Annual . .	2,770	2,779	3.64	3.68	7,161	7,281

Poultry Products Act. The proportion of slaughter in Federally inspected plants likely increased again in 1971.

Condemnations of broilers in Federally inspected plants during 1971 showed a slight decline. They averaged 4.0 percent of the quantity inspected compared with 4.4 percent a year earlier. Most of the condemnations were from post-mortem inspection. This was the second year in a row that condemnations declined.

Young chickens inspected for further processing and cutting up under Federal inspection totaled 2.4 billion pounds, ready-to-cook weight, up 11.9 percent from 1970. Of this total, about 84.3 percent was cut up in plants while the rest went for processing beyond the cut-up stage, about the same share as in 1970. This does not account for large quantities of broilers cut-up for sale at other locations such as retail stores.

Prices Average Higher

Broiler prices in 1971 generally were above 1970. Prices declined in early 1971 largely as a result of increased broiler output. Output eased in the spring and prices recovered. Producers responded by increasing production and prices again fell below year-earlier levels in the closing months of 1971.

Wholesale prices of ready-to-cook broilers in 9 cities averaged 27.2 cents a pound for 1971, compared with 26.4 cents in 1970. Prices reached a seasonal high of 32 cents in July then trended steadily down to 23 cents a pound in December. Prices strengthened and averaged

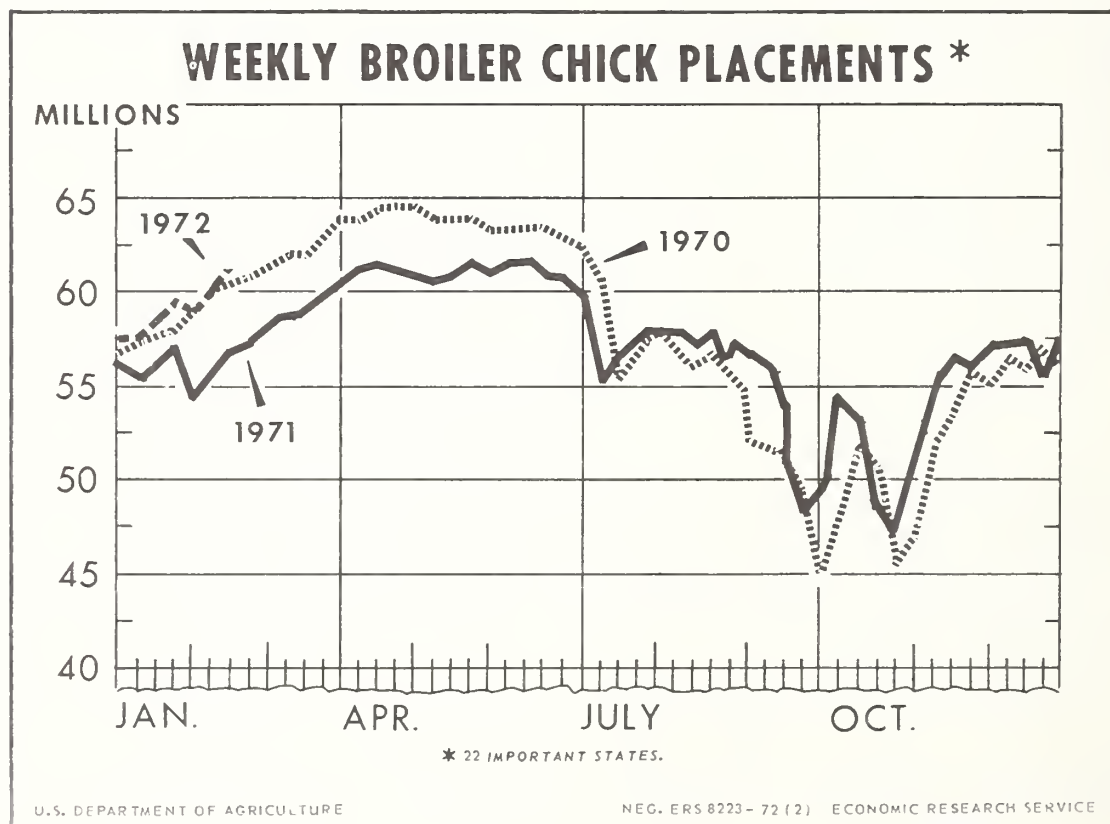
Broiler prices

Calendar quarters	Received by producers		9-city weighted average (ready-to-cook)	
	1970	1971	1970	1971
	<i>Cents per pound</i>			
I	14.5	13.5	27.9	26.9
II	13.6	14.3	26.7	28.2
III	13.2	14.8	26.0	28.5
IV	12.4	12.6	25.1	24.9
Annual . .	13.5	13.8	26.4	27.2

Table 3.—Changes from the preceding year in selected broiler industry statistics, 1965 to date*

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Pullet chicks placed for broiler hatchery supply flocks 7-14 months earlier												
1965	-6	-5	-5	-6	-7	-6	-3	-2	4	5	7	10
1966	12	11	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	11	12	14
1967	16	17	18	18	20	20	20	20	17	10	6	0
1968	-4	-7	-8	-10	-12	-11	-10	-13	-19	-8	-6	-5
1969	-4	-3	-2	-1	-1	3	5	6	8	7	8	8
1970	9	8	7	6	6	6	4	4	4	5	4	4
1971	3	2	2	0	-1	-3	-4	-5	-7	-10	-11	-12
1972	-12	-13	-13	-12	-11	-12	-10					
Broiler chick placements in 22 or 23 States advanced 2 months to expected marketing months												
1965	2	3	5	6	7	7	9	11	11	13	13	14
1966	13	14	14	12	10	9	9	8	8	10	11	11
1967	8	3	2	3	4	2	0	-1	1	-1	-3	-4
1968	-3	0	1	-2	-3	-1	1	1	1	0	2	4
1969	6	4	5	6	8	8	8	7	7	9	11	9
1970	11	9	13	12	10	9	7	6	5	2	-1	-3
1971	-2	-2	-3	-5	-6	-5	-4	-2	-2	1	3	4
1972	4											
Broiler prices received by U.S. producers												
1965	4	6	8	10	11	10	7	2	0	0	2	7
1966	9	10	8	8	5	5	3	3	-1	-5	-11	-14
1967	-14	-13	-12	-17	-16	-16	-15	-14	-12	-11	-10	-6
1968	-2	-1	1	5	7	10	11	11	9	9	9	10
1969	6	3	2	4	5	8	10	12	14	12	8	4
1970	1	0	-4	-6	11	-16	-19	-19	-16	-13	-12	-12
1971	-10	-7	-4	-1	5	12	17	13	12	-2	3	1

*Fluctuations in monthly data reduced by the use of 3-month moving averages.



about 27.1 cents in January, 3 cents above December and 1 cent above January 1971.

Feed Cost High Until Late 1971

Sharply higher feed prices boosted the cost of producing broilers during the first 8 months of 1971. Broiler feed prices in this period averaged a little over \$99 a ton, more than \$5 above January-August 1970. With prospects for a larger 1971 corn crop, broiler feed prices fell in September and remained below a year earlier for the balance of the year. The cost of most other production items continued to trend upward during 1971. The index of prices paid by farmers for production items in December (including interest, taxes, and wage rates) was 122 (1967=100), up 5 points from December 1970.

Consumption and Exports Increased in 1971

A small increase in supplies and lower prices held broiler meat consumption near 1970's record high of 37.3 pounds per person despite larger supplies of other meats. In addition, other chicken meat consumption amounted to a little more than 4 pounds per person.

Exports of whole young chickens and chicken parts during 1971, including subsidized exports to Switzerland and Greece, totaled 100 million pounds, ready-to-cook weight. This was around 7 percent above the prior year. Exports of chicken parts totaled 78 million pounds, up 14 percent, while whole young chickens totaled 22 million pounds, down 11 percent. The proportion of cut-up birds has increased in recent years. In 1971 about 78 percent of young chicken exported was cut-up, compared with about 73 percent in 1970 and 67 percent in 1967, the first year for such data.

Of the broilers exported in 1971 about 10 million pounds of whole broilers were shipped to Switzerland and 1.2 million to Greece at a total subsidy cost of \$1.5 million. This compares with 12.5 million pounds for Switzerland and 2.6 million to Greece at a subsidy cost of \$1.9 million in 1970.

USDA Purchases Down, Military Use Up

USDA purchases of broiler meat during 1971 for the school lunch program totaled 50.4 million pounds at a cost of \$15.8 million. This compares with 55.2 million pounds and a cost of \$17.2 million in 1970. In addition, USDA purchased canned boned chicken equivalent to 33.7 million pounds ready-to-cook carcass weight in 1971, down from the 77.1 million pounds in the previous year.

Military purchases of young chicken meat during January-November 1971 totaled 52.0 million pounds, down 6 percent from the same months of 1970.

BROILER OUTLOOK

Moderate Expansion in Output

Current indications point to a moderate increase in broiler production throughout 1972. Producers expanded production during late 1971 in response to declining feed prices caused by the record 1971 corn crop. Weekly broiler chick placements have been above year-earlier levels since last August. In late 1971, placements that will provide market supplies this winter averaged about 2 percent above a year earlier with the largest gains in slaughter likely in late winter. Feed prices are likely to be lower in the first half of this year and near year-earlier levels in the second half. This, combined with higher broiler prices all year, probably will stimulate a moderate expansion in the number of broilers marketed. Reduced pork supplies and high red meat prices will also tend to encourage broiler expansion this year.

The hatchery supply flock likely can supply enough eggs to provide for at least a moderate expansion in broiler output in 1972. The broiler hatchery supply flock during 1972 may be well below a year earlier. Placements for the broiler hatchery supply flock have been off since August 1970. However, the use of Marek's disease vaccine has produced a more productive flock. In addition to more eggs per hen, hatchability of eggs likely has continued to improve and a larger proportion of hatched chicks survive.

Stronger Markets in 1972

Broiler prices in early 1972 strengthened sharply from December and moved above year-earlier levels. Wholesale prices of ready-to-cook broilers in 9 cities during the first 2 weeks of February averaged 28.1 cents a pound compared with 26.8 cents for the comparable weeks of 1971. Prices during 1972 probably will average moderately higher than a year earlier. High red meat prices in 1972 and increased consumer incomes likely will more than offset the price-lowering effects of record broiler output.

Lower Production Costs

As a result of lower feed prices, broiler production costs declined in late 1971. They likely will continue lower, at least through the first half of 1972. Moderately lower feed costs, reflecting sharply lower corn prices during the first half this year, likely will more than offset the continued rise in the cost of most other production items. Costs during the last half of this year will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the 1972 corn and soybean crops.

TURKEY SITUATION

Changes in Reporting Turkey Estimates

The Statistical Reporting Services of USDA has modified the annual January turkey report. The date of the turkey inventory estimates was changed to December 1 from January 1 starting with the January 1972 report. At the same time, the estimate for total turkey breeder hens was discontinued and estimates of breeder hens for 26 States with 10,000 or more breeder hens are provided. Estimates for the other States were dropped. For historical relationships, the December 1 State estimates can be compared with the January 1 estimates of previous years since breeder hen inventories reflect the number held to produce eggs during the season. Data on intentions to raise turkeys have been cut back to 20 important States; however, the August report of Turkeys Raised and the Production, Disposition and Income report will continue annual estimates of turkeys raised for all States.

Crop up 4 Percent in 1971

The 1971 turkey crop totaled 120 million birds, 4 percent more than in 1970, and the largest since the record of 1967. Heavy breed turkeys increased nearly 3 million in 1971 and light breeds by 1.2 million. Heavy breed turkeys accounted for 88.5 percent of the crop, about 1 percentage point more than in 1970.

Turkeys slaughtered in Federally inspected plants

Calendar quarters	Number inspected		Average live weight		Certified as whole-some (ready-to-cook-weights)	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Lb.</i>	<i>Lb.</i>	<i>Mil. lb.</i>	<i>Mil. lb.</i>
I	6.4	9.3	17.1	17.1	84.9	124.1
II	14.3	18.1	16.2	16.8	182.0	238.4
III	42.9	43.4	18.5	18.5	628.6	634.1
IV	41.9	40.9	20.4	20.0	671.0	645.0
Annual ...	105.5	111.7	18.8	18.7	1,566.5	1,641.6

Output of turkey meat in Federally inspected slaughter plants in 1971 totaled 1.6 billion pounds, ready-to-cook weight, 5 percent more than in 1970. The increased output was accounted for by 6 percent more turkeys slaughtered, and the average liveweight was down 1 percent to 18.7 pounds.

Cold storage stocks of turkey on January 1 totaled 223 million pounds compared with 219 million on January 1, 1971.

Turkey Use Up

Larger turkey meat supplies and lower prices during much of 1971 encouraged increased use last year. Turkey consumption in 1971 totaled a half-pound more

Table 4.—Turkeys raised for 20 important States, in 1971, by breed type and Farmers' intentions for 1972

State	Heavy Breeds			Light Breeds			Total all Breed		
	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Pennsylvania	2,296	2,526	110	459	436	95	2,755	2,962	108
Ohio	3,750	3,938	105	675	527	78	4,425	4,465	101
Indiana	4,050	4,455	110	700	630	90	4,750	5,085	107
Wisconsin	3,442	3,614	105	56	57	102	3,498	3,671	105
Minnesota	13,040	13,478	103	5,380	5,918	110	18,420	19,396	105
Iowa	6,318	6,318	100	48	48	100	6,366	6,366	100
Missouri							8,683	8,829	102
North Dakota	1,060	1,160	109	140	160	114	1,200	1,320	110
South Dakota	571	622	109	576	576	100	1,147	1,198	104
Virginia							5,730	5,827	102
North Carolina	8,918	9,186	103	1,551	1,706	110	10,469	10,892	104
South Carolina	2,174	2,174	100				2,174	2,174	100
Georgia	2,245	2,192	98	1	1	100	2,246	2,193	98
Arkansas							7,840	7,722	98
Oklahoma							1,770	1,672	94
Texas	8,190	8,215	100	188	150	80	8,378	8,365	100
Colorado	2,780	3,100	112	7	16	229	2,787	3,116	112
Utah	3,907	4,024	103				3,907	4,024	103
Oregon							1,604	1,582	99
California	16,281	15,467	95	520	312	60	16,801	15,779	94
20 State total	101,809	102,868	101	13,141	13,770	105	114,950	116,638	101

than in 1970 and about the same as 1967's record of 8.6 pounds per person. More turkey meat moved through Government programs for the school lunch program and for direct food assistance programs. USDA in 1971 purchased 45 million pounds of fresh frozen ready-to-cook turkey meat, about 10 million pounds more than in 1970. In addition, USDA bought 21 million pounds, equivalent ready-to-cook carcass weight, of canned boned turkey compared with 20 million pounds in 1970.

Turkey prices

Calendar quarters	Received by producers		New York wholesale ¹			
			Young hens 8-16 pounds		Young toms 14-20 pounds	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	<i>Cents per pound</i>					
I	25.4	21.4	46.6	36.8	39.4	33.4
II	24.2	21.2	39.0	36.2	39.7	33.1
III	22.3	22.0	37.5	38.8	34.6	34.2
IV	22.3	22.4	39.4	38.2	33.9	34.8
Annual	23.6	21.8	40.6	37.5	36.9	33.9

¹ U.S. Grade A, ready-to-cook, carlot and trucklot, frozen, F.O.B. or equivalent.

1971 Prices Lower

Prices received by producers for live turkeys were below year-earlier levels during much of 1971 and for the year averaged 21.7 cents a pound, down nearly 2 cents. Prices in early 1971 were well below a year earlier, but moved above in the closing months of 1971. New York Wholesale ready-to-cook prices for young hens 8-16 pounds averaged 37.5 cents a pound in 1971, down 8 percent. Prices for young toms averaged 33.9 cents a pound, also down 8 percent.

TURKEY OUTLOOK

Small Expansion in Turkey Output

Because of lower prices during most of 1971,

producers will likely hold down the expansion in turkey production in 1972. Turkey meat output in the first half of this year will be moderately above the high levels of a year earlier. The September-December 1971 poult hatch indicates that market supplies during the seasonally light first half of 1972 will be up 5 to 6 percent. Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1 were down 2 percent. But weekly reports for 10 important turkey States indicate that the weekly egg settings during January ran around 10 percent above a year earlier. The trend in recent years has been for an increasingly larger share of the crop to be raised in the first half of the year.

Turkey growers in January reported plans to raise about 1 percent more turkeys in 1972. Grower intentions have been a fairly good indicator of crop size in most years. However, in 1971 growers reported intentions to raise 1 percent fewer turkeys at the beginning of the year but ended up with 4 percent more.

The number of turkey breeder hens on farms December 1, 1971, in 26 States totaled 3.4 million, about 1 percent less than on January 1, 1971. Of the total, 3 million were heavy breed hens, about the same as on January 1, 1971, while there were 5 percent fewer light breed hens.

USDA's turkey marketing guide for 1972 recommended a turkey crop of about 119.6 million head, 1.5 percent below 1971. This size crop would provide for about the same rate of per capita consumption as last year.

Improved Price Prospects

If producers keep numbers raised about in line with January intentions, turkey prices throughout 1972 likely will average moderately above year-earlier levels. Live turkey prices this winter will weaken before trending upward during the summer and fall. Prices received by producers in mid-January averaged 22.8 cents per pound, compared with 23.1 cents in December and 21.7 cents for January 1971. Reduced pork supplies and increased consumer incomes are expected to more than offset the effects of the indicated small increase in turkey supplies in 1972.

Table 5.—Broilers: Eggs set and broiler chicks placed weekly in important broiler producing States, 1970 to date

Date		Eggs set			Percent of previous year		Chicks placed			Percent of previous year	
		1970	1971	1972	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1971	1972
		<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
Jan.	9	76,274	71,729	72,468	-7	+1	57,358	56,453	57,466	-2	+2
	16	75,520	68,808	73,838	-10	+7	57,431	55,468	58,614	-3	+6
	23	76,799	69,623	76,065	-10	+9	57,870	55,934	59,746	-3	+7
	30	77,197	71,156	77,328	-8	+9	59,148	57,310	59,302	-3	+3
Feb.	6	77,524	71,689	77,628	-8	+8	59,157	54,557	60,008	-8	+10
	13	78,688	72,274	78,210	-8	+8	60,200	55,901	61,385	-7	+10
	20	79,383	72,210		-9		60,304	56,786		-6	
	27	80,389	73,699		-8		61,036	57,440		-6	
March	6	80,979	74,345		-8		61,648	58,187		-6	
	13	81,197	75,059		-8		62,342	58,503		-6	
	20	81,742	75,216		-8		63,279	59,470		-6	
	27	82,165	76,621		-7		64,173	60,088		-6	
	3	82,051	75,997		-7		63,871	60,513		-5	
April	10	81,386	76,476		-6		64,353	61,282		-5	
	17	81,196	75,466		-7		64,529	61,672		-4	
	24	81,838	75,482		-8		64,609	61,276		-5	
	1	80,821	76,369		-6		63,944	61,242		-4	
May	8	81,307	75,916		-7		63,926	60,458		-5	
	15	81,486	76,483		-6		63,974	60,656		-5	
	22	81,860	77,108		-6		63,364	61,698		-3	
	29	80,933	77,052		-5		63,354	61,187		-3	
June	5	80,327	76,381		-5		63,505	61,478		-3	
	12	77,993	76,316		-2		63,545	61,710		-3	
	19	72,147	70,479		-2		62,960	61,019		-3	
	26	74,656	72,368		-3		62,513	60,906		-3	
	3	75,924	73,872		-3		60,648	59,976		-1	
July	10	75,042	72,987		-3		55,308	55,305		0	
	17	73,462	73,676		0		56,427	56,490		0	
	24	73,453	73,604		0		58,244	58,033		0	
	31	72,803	72,747		0		57,165	57,751		+1	
Aug.	7	71,493	72,747		+2		56,060	57,871		+3	
	14	68,875	71,734		+4		56,624	57,413		+1	
	21	66,989	70,963		+6		55,806	56,745		+2	
	28	64,453	69,108		+7		54,813	57,471		+5	
Sept.	4	58,440	61,952		+6		52,384	56,576		+8	
	11	62,442	64,037		+3		51,719	56,396		+9	
	18	66,733	68,751		+3		49,593	54,011		+9	
	25	64,958	67,596		+4		44,938	48,323		+9	
	2	58,324	62,329		+7		47,775	49,719		+4	
Oct.	9	59,660	60,732		+2		51,991	54,253		+4	
	16	66,434	64,387		-3		50,773	53,195		+5	
	23	68,970	69,073		0		45,432	48,859		+7	
	30	70,488	70,295		0		46,929	47,117		+1	
Nov.	6	69,997	69,581		-1		51,905	51,344		-1	
	13	71,641	70,457		-2		54,284	55,144		+1	
	20	71,099	70,348		-1		55,820	56,519		+1	
	27	71,365	71,868		+1		55,230	56,174		+2	
Dec.	4	66,197	69,795		+5		56,567	57,177		+1	
	11	71,432	71,275		0		56,246	57,350		+2	
	18	71,791	71,712		0		56,698	57,488		+1	
	25	70,152	72,578		+3		52,387	55,741		+6	
	1	70,018	73,305		+5		55,983	57,521		+3	

**Table 6.—USDA purchases of shell eggs or shell egg equivalent,
(shell, frozen, dried), by years, 1960-70 and by months, 1970 to date**

Period	Period in which contracts were let	Purchases ¹		Range of paying prices per pound	Commodity cost of purchases		
		By weight	Case equivalent				
		<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 cents</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
1960	Jan.-Nov.	19,048	1,849	0.988-1.1425	20,700		
1961	Feb.-July	22,508	2,185	1.119-1.3700	27,120		
1962	Mar.-July	13,014	1,263	.9579-1.2025	13,297		
1963	Apr.-July	8,397	815	1.0000-1.0599	8,782		
1964	Mar.-Nov.	15,767	1,530	1.0445-1.0800	16,571		
1965	²						
1966	²						
1967	July-Sept.	2,430	236	1.2620-1.3399	3,187		
1968	May-July	16,686	833	1.1090-1.0496	17,954		
1969	March-May	14,940	750	.8198-1.0597	13,317		
1970	Apr.-June	16,587	846	.8350- .9500	14,484		
		Purchases			Price range per pound	Commodity cost of purchases	
		By weight		Case equivalent		Monthly	Cumulative
		Month	Cumulative				
		<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 cents</i>	<i>1,000 cents</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1970 ³							
April		3,717	3,717	190	190	.8840-.9500	3,409
May		6,597	10,314	336	526	.8350-.8799	9,042
June		6,273	16,587	320	846	.8599-.8700	14,484
1971							
January		3,177	3,177	162	162	. 777-.99	2,828
February		1,656	4,833	84	246	.7120-.7423	4,033
March		1,656	6,489	84	331	.7111-.7500	5,245
April		2,340	8,829	119	450	.8777-.9347	7,353
May		2,196	11,025	112	562	.7780-.8449	9,143
June		3,168	14,193	162	724	.7747-.8262	11,634
July		2,268	16,464	116	840	.7677-.8342	13,448
August		180	16,644	9	849	.8349-.8640	13,602
September		5,958	22,599	304	1,153	.7711-.8149	18,319
October		5,400	27,999	275	1,428	.7985-.8449	22,748
November		2,592	30,591	42	1,560	.8294-.8484	24,925
December		792	31,383	40	1,601	.8282-.8383	25,586

¹ Purchases were made with Section 32 funds provided by P.L. 320 directly or from such funds which were transferred to Section 6 of the National School Lunch Act. ² USDA made no

purchases. ³ Program ended June 24, 1970 and resumed December 24, 1970.

Table 7.—Chickens: Number on Farms by Classes, December 1, 1964-71

Year	North	E. North Central	W. North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	West	48 States	United States ¹
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
HENS ONE YEAR OLD OR OLDER								
1964	19,547	20,186	21,402	24,119	29,467	23,531	138,252	138,521
1965	22,182	20,704	21,260	25,700	29,016	26,342	145,204	145,481
1966	20,066	20,031	18,203	24,815	28,481	26,248	137,844	138,172
1967	18,132	20,121	18,800	24,863	29,650	28,916	140,482	140,875
1968	18,964	18,355	19,211	29,122	27,442	29,264	142,358	142,767
1969	19,463	18,057	16,657	29,861	26,200	28,764	139,002	139,544
1970	17,952	17,540	17,037	26,853	26,484	29,629	135,495	136,028
1971	19,784	18,684	17,678	28,725	26,440	29,707	141,018	141,558
PULLETS OF LAYING AGE								
1964	27,896	25,930	37,488	27,854	29,616	23,334	172,118	172,737
1965	24,703	23,411	33,034	28,950	32,270	20,656	163,024	163,651
1966	26,956	25,445	35,327	35,510	39,013	22,161	184,412	185,006
1967	27,319	25,156	31,631	38,044	39,821	23,959	185,930	186,497
1968	25,947	25,261	25,442	34,694	39,949	22,756	174,049	174,637
1969	25,033	24,907	28,151	39,669	42,383	22,558	182,701	183,131
1970	27,398	26,936	30,787	42,224	42,109	25,219	194,673	195,104
1971	25,971	26,522	27,301	40,784	41,014	25,358	186,950	187,389
TOTAL HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE								
1964	47,443	46,116	58,890	51,973	59,083	46,865	310,370	311,258
1965	46,885	44,115	54,294	54,650	61,286	46,998	308,228	309,132
1966	47,022	45,476	53,530	60,325	67,494	48,409	322,256	323,178
1967	45,451	45,277	50,431	62,907	69,471	52,875	326,412	327,372
1968	44,911	43,616	44,653	63,816	67,391	52,020	316,407	317,404
1969	44,496	42,964	44,808	69,530	68,583	51,322	321,703	322,675
1970	45,350	44,476	47,824	69,077	68,593	54,848	330,168	331,132
1971	45,755	45,206	44,979	69,509	67,454	55,065	327,968	328,947
PULLETS 3 MONTHS OLD AND OLDER NOT OF LAYING AGE								
1964	5,630	5,540	4,960	10,290	9,050	8,280	43,750	43,956
1965	5,730	5,410	5,160	10,390	10,500	7,580	44,770	44,963
1966	6,320	6,080	5,230	12,080	11,650	7,870	49,230	49,428
1967	5,210	7,020	5,190	11,320	11,480	7,810	48,030	48,215
1968	5,130	6,240	4,410	13,030	12,440	7,720	48,970	49,170
1969	5,380	6,540	5,290	13,800	12,810	7,560	51,380	51,578
1970	5,050	6,400	5,550	12,500	12,050	8,600	50,150	50,331
1971	5,532	6,499	6,103	13,500	12,808	7,600	52,042	52,233
PULLETS UNDER 3 MONTHS OLD								
1964	4,560	4,720	2,150	9,350	9,600	8,960	39,340	39,536
1965	4,940	4,500	2,400	9,260	10,500	8,700	40,300	40,471
1966	5,520	6,050	3,160	12,800	13,650	9,880	51,060	51,244
1967	4,510	6,100	3,300	10,900	12,300	9,100	46,210	46,400
1968	5,150	6,390	3,850	13,850	12,750	9,440	51,430	51,602
1969	5,007	6,590	4,039	13,606	12,574	9,394	51,210	51,340
1970	4,848	6,575	4,407	14,739	12,431	9,845	52,845	53,105
1971	5,213	6,297	4,304	11,939	12,194	7,630	47,577	47,847
OTHER CHICKENS								
1964	715	485	880	1,920	2,340	720	7,060	7,063
1965	665	460	860	1,960	2,310	660	6,915	6,918
1966	680	455	850	2,170	2,460	630	7,245	7,249
1967	620	435	760	2,110	2,395	570	6,890	6,893
1968	585	406	600	2,050	2,375	495	6,511	6,515
1969	601	404	635	2,136	2,470	492	6,738	6,739
1970	584	408	662	2,187	2,528	509	6,878	6,879
1971	491	424	621	2,169	2,328	399	6,432	6,433
TOTAL ALL CHICKENS ²								
1964	58,348	56,861	66,880	73,533	80,073	64,825	400,520	401,813
1965	58,220	54,485	62,714	76,260	84,596	63,938	400,213	401,484
1966	59,542	58,061	62,770	87,375	95,254	66,789	429,791	431,099
1967	55,791	58,832	59,681	87,237	95,646	70,355	427,542	428,880
1968	55,776	56,652	53,513	92,746	94,956	69,675	423,318	424,691
1969	55,484	56,498	54,772	99,072	96,437	68,768	431,031	432,332
1970	55,832	57,859	58,443	98,503	95,602	73,802	440,041	441,447
1971	56,991	58,426	56,007	97,117	94,784	70,694	434,019	435,460

¹ Includes Alaska and Hawaii.² Excludes commercial broilers.

**Table 8.—Cold storage holdings of high protein foods,
February 1, 1972, with comparisons**

Item	Unit	February 1, 1970	February 1, 1971	January 1, 1972	February 1, 1972
		<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousands</i>
Total eggs ¹	Case	1,072	1,299	1,929	1,834
Shell	do.	46	60	60	46
Frozen	Pound	40,543	48,953	73,822	70,620
Total poultry ²	do.	272,450	370,033	378,236	359,368
Broilers, Fryers and Roasters	do.	37,162	47,077	39,803	39,800
Hens, Mature Chickens	do.	28,242	52,292	45,212	49,400
Turkeys	do.	162,125	207,142	223,111	211,767
Whole	do.	133,138	165,719	184,230	172,327
Other	do.	28,987	41,423	38,881	39,440
Ducks	do.	4,361	6,390	6,709	5,835
All red meats ³	do.	660,050	770,658	794,842	770,166
Beef	do.	368,336	325,681	364,647	353,780
Frozen pork	do.	186,764	327,484	310,112	287,103
Pork in cooler	do.	23,673	25,090	20,276	20,747
Total cheese	do.	298,024	320,902	301,991	295,861

¹ Frozen eggs converted on the basis of 39.5 pounds to the case.

² Includes other frozen chicken. ³ Includes other meat and meat products.

Table 9.—Export payments on chicken to Switzerland and Greece 1970 to date

Month	Purchases				Price range		Cost of program				Total cost	
	Switzerland		Greece		Necks and giblets		Switzerland		Greece		Monthly	Cumulative
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	With	Without	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative		
1970	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents per pound	Cents per pound	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
January	347	347	298	298	11.75-15.40	50.8	50.8	36.6	36.6	87.4	87.4	
February	166	513	356	654	11.85-14.45	22.0	72.8	38.0	74.6	60.0	147.4	
March	1,052	1,565	213	867	8.95-14.40	145.0	217.8	19.0	93.6	164.0	311.4	
April	2,520	4,085	656	1,523	7.50-15.20	336.3	554.0	58.0	151.7	394.3	705.7	
May	2,244	6,329	130	1,653	7.75-14.35	302.0	856.0	10.0	161.7	312.0	1,017.7	
June	3,667	9,996	70	1,723	7.00-15.25	491.1	1,347.2	5.0	166.7	496.1	1,513.8	
July	798	10,794	175	1,898	8.00-13.90	105.0	1,452.2	14.0	180.7	119.0	1,632.8	
August	1,003	11,797	100	1,998	6.00-14.60	133.0	1,585.2	7.0	187.7	140.0	1,772.8	
September	520	12,317	325	2,323	6.30-15.90	71.0	1,656.2	23.0	210.7	94.0	1,866.8	
October	---	---	105	2,428	7.40- 8.25	---	---	8.0	218.7	8.0	1,874.8	
November	190	12,507	140	2,568	8.25-17.90	34.0	1,690.2	12.0	230.7	46.0	1,920.8	
December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
1971	760	760	48	48	8.25-14.95	110.0	110.0	4.0	4.0	114.0	114.0	
January	1,458	2,218	281	329	8.25-14.90	210.0	320.0	23.0	27.0	233.0	347.0	
February	143	2,361	320	649	8.50-14.00	19.0	339.0	27.0	54.0	46.0	393.0	
March	1,006	3,367	15	664	8.50-14.95	143.0	482.0	2.0	56.0	145.0	538.0	
April	1,465	4,832	95	759	8.50-15.00	213.0	695.0	8.0	64.0	221.0	759.0	
May	803	5,635	---	759	14.00-15.00	117.0	812.0	---	64.0	117.0	876.0	
June	916	6,551	71	830	8.50-15.00	133.0	945.0	6.0	70.0	139.0	1,015.0	
July	827	7,378	35	865	8.50-15.00	117.1	1,062.1	3.0	73.0	120.1	1,135.1	
August	940	8,318	140	1,005	8.50-15.00	132.0	1,194.1	12.0	85.0	144.0	1,279.1	
September	322	8,640	35	1,040	8.50-12.75	40.0	1,234.1	3.0	88.0	43.0	1,322.1	
October	304	8,944	85	1,125	8.50-11.75	35.0	1,269.1	7.0	95.0	42.0	1,364.1	
November	1,030	9,974	70	1,195	8.50-13.25	130.0	1,399.1	5.9	100.9	135.9	1,500.0	
December	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
1972	1,162	1,162	35	35	8.50-14.85	157.0	157.0	35.0	35.0	192.0	192.0	
January	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

Table 10.—Per capita consumption of broiler, turkey and red meat by quarters, 1960-71

Item and year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Total quarter
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Broilers:					
1960	5.1	6.2	6.6	5.5	23.4
1961	5.4	7.4	7.3	5.7	25.8
1962	5.6	7.0	6.8	6.3	25.7
1963	6.1	7.1	7.4	6.4	27.0
1964	6.4	7.4	7.4	6.4	27.6
1965	6.6	7.7	8.1	7.1	29.5
1966	7.2	8.3	8.8	8.0	32.3
1967	7.6	8.7	8.7	7.8	32.8
1968	7.7	8.4	8.9	8.1	33.1
1969	8.0	9.1	9.3	8.8	35.2
1970	8.8	9.9	9.8	8.8	37.3
1971	8.9	9.5	10.0	9.0	37.4
Turkeys:					
1960	.6	.8	1.3	3.4	6.1
1961	.6	1.0	1.7	4.1	7.4
1962	.7	.9	1.5	3.9	7.0
1963	.5	.9	1.5	3.9	6.8
1964	.7	.9	1.8	4.0	7.4
1965	.7	.9	1.8	4.1	7.5
1966	.7	1.0	2.0	4.1	7.8
1967	.8	1.1	2.2	4.5	8.6
1968	.9	1.1	1.9	4.0	7.9
1969	1.0	1.2	2.0	4.1	8.3
1970	.9	1.0	2.1	4.1	8.1
1971	1.0	1.3	2.1	4.2	8.6
Beef and Veal:					
1960	22.3	22.3	24.1	22.5	91.2
1961	22.3	23.7	24.0	23.4	93.4
1962	23.4	23.4	24.3	23.3	94.4
1963	23.8	24.6	25.7	25.3	99.4
1964	25.1	26.7	26.7	26.6	105.1
1965	25.9	25.2	26.7	26.9	104.7
1966	26.6	26.7	28.1	27.4	108.8
1967	27.4	27.7	27.8	27.4	110.3
1968	28.0	27.7	29.2	28.4	113.3
1969	28.1	27.5	29.4	29.1	114.1
1970	29.1	28.6	29.7	29.2	116.6
1971	28.4	28.7	30.1	28.8	116.0
Pork excluding Lard:					
1960	17.5	15.6	15.1	16.7	64.9
1961	15.8	15.0	14.2	17.0	62.0
1962	16.2	15.4	14.5	17.4	63.5
1963	16.4	15.8	15.2	18.0	65.4
1964	16.7	15.5	15.2	18.0	65.4
1965	15.8	14.5	13.8	14.6	58.7
1966	13.8	13.9	13.9	16.5	58.1
1967	16.5	15.0	15.4	17.2	64.1
1968	16.6	15.8	15.9	17.9	66.2
1969	17.0	16.0	15.5	16.5	65.0
1970	15.4	15.6	16.3	19.1	66.4
1971	18.3	17.8	17.9	18.8	72.8
Lamb and Mutton:					
1960	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	4.8
1961	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	5.1
1962	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3	5.2
1963	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.9
1964	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.2
1965	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	3.7
1966	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	4.0
1967	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	3.9
1968	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.7
1969	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	3.4
1970	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	3.3
1971	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	3.2
All red Meat:					
1960	41.1	39.0	40.4	40.4	160.9
1961	39.4	40.1	39.4	41.6	160.5
1962	41.1	40.0	40.0	42.0	163.1
1963	41.5	41.6	42.1	44.5	169.7
1964	43.0	43.2	42.9	45.6	174.7
1965	42.6	40.6	41.5	42.4	167.1
1966	41.4	41.7	43.0	44.8	170.9
1967	45.0	43.6	44.2	45.5	178.3
1968	45.6	44.4	46.0	47.2	183.2
1969	46.0	44.3	45.8	46.4	182.5
1970	45.4	45.1	46.8	49.0	186.3
1971	47.5	47.3	48.8	48.4	192.0

Table 11.—USDA purchases of cut-up young chickens for National School Lunch Program, by years, 1960-70 and by months 1970 to date

Period	Broiler production		Duration of program		Purchases	Range of prices per pound	Commodity cost of purchases
	Number	Ready-to-cook weight	Number of weeks	Begin and end			
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Weeks</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1960	1,795	4,332					
1961	1,991	4,919	24	¹ Mar.-Dec.	44,790	26.67-37.69	13,448
1962	2,023	4,973	22	Aug.-Dec.	60,000	27.28-33.20	17,963
1963	2,102	5,239	19	Aug.-Dec.	50,100	27.37-31.59	14,943
1964	2,161	5,415	24	July-Dec.	51,930	28.09-31.69	15,255
1965	2,334	5,842	16	Sept.-Dec.	37,320	28.44-34.46	11,527
1966	2,572	6,475	23	Aug.-Jan.	54,030	27.42-35.32	16,926
1967	2,593	6,614	11	Sept.-Jan.	57,240	27.01-32.48	16,878
1968	2,621	6,719	13	Oct.-Mar.	48,672	28.90-35.42	15,304
1969	2,788	7,233	18	Sept.-Jan.	50,472	30.50-36.93	17,424
1970	2,984	7,782	23	Aug.-Jan.	52,200	27.44-33.97	15,939
	Purchases		Range of prices per pound		Commodity cost of purchases		
	Monthly	Cumulative			Monthly	Cumulative	
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1970							
January	7,272	50,472	32.55-36.90		2,533	17,424	
February							
March							
April							
May							
June							
July							
August	5,112	5,112	29.55-33.37		1,640	1,640	
September	11,880	16,992	28.49-33.97		3,648	5,288	
October	10,296	27,288	29.04-32.16		3,160	8,448	
November	9,720	37,008	27.94-32.17		2,954	11,402	
December	11,160	47,952	27.73-32.47		3,347	14,684	
1971							
January	4,248	52,200	27.44-30.80		1,255	15,939	
February							
March							
April							
May							
June							
July	3,600	3,600	31.91-36.12		1,225	1,225	
August	5,904	9,504	31.80-34.39		1,950	3,175	
September	10,584	20,016	29.75-34.06		3,417	6,568	
October	8,496	28,512	27.67-32.54		2,622	9,190	
November	10,296	38,808	28.75-32.10		3,143	12,332	
December	7,344	46,152	28.47-31.71		2,219	14,552	
1972							
January	4,464	4,464	29.44-32.26		1,361	1,361	

Table 12.— Turkey hatchery operations, United States and 10 States reporting weekly,
January 1970 to date

Month	United States				Period ²	10 States ¹					
	Hatch		Change from year earlier			Hatch			Egg settings advanced 4 weeks		
	1970-71	1971-72	Hatch	Eggs in incubator tors first of month		1970-71	1971-72	Change from year earlier	1970-71	1971-72	Change from year earlier
	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>		<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Thou.</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
September	2,622	3,205	+22	+24	Aug. 29-Oct. 2 . . .	1,860	2,420	30	3,113	4,067	31
October	2,964	3,174	+7	+8	Oct. 3-Oct. 30 . . .	1,381	1,818	32	2,199	2,876	31
November	3,828	3,949	+3	+3	Oct. 31-Nov. 27 . .	2,050	2,253	10	3,048	3,637	19
December	5,231	5,176	-1	-6	Nov. 28-Jan. 1	4,224	4,434	5	5,607	6,070	8
January	8,532	8,330	-2	-2	Jan. 2-Jan. 29	5,395	5,260	-3	8,290	7,961	-4
February	11,733			+7	Jan. 30-Feb. 26				12,053	12,902	7
March	18,092										
April	19,890										
May	20,489										
June	17,422										
July	11,333										
August	5,108										

¹ The 10 States are: California, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

² Weeks of 1971-72 and corresponding weeks of 1970-71.

Table 13.—Turkeys: Monthly hatchings by breed type, advanced to indicate prospective month of marketing, 48 States, 1967 to date

Month of Marketing	Light breeds advanced 4 months				Heavy breeds				All turkey: sum of Preceding columns*			
	1967		1968		1969		1967		1968		1967	
	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million	Million
January	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	3.9	4.2	4.0	6.1	6.5	6.0
February	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.9	2.5	2.8	2.5
March	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	2.1	2.3	1.9
April	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	2.4	2.6	2.0
May	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.7	3.6	3.0	2.6
June	1.0	0.7	0.6	3.7	2.6	2.6	1.8	1.2	1.1	6.4	4.0	4.3
July	1.1	0.9	0.8	6.5	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.1	2.6	11.3	7.1	8.1
August	1.0	1.2	1.0	10.9	8.6	8.6	6.5	4.1	4.7	18.4	13.7	14.3
September	1.3	1.3	1.0	11.1	9.8	9.8	10.9	8.4	8.6	23.3	19.2	19.4
October	2.0	1.9	1.3	11.3	10.0	9.8	11.1	9.5	9.8	24.3	21.4	21.0
November	2.5	2.2	1.6	8.8	7.9	7.7	11.3	10.0	9.8	22.6	20.1	19.2
December	2.3	1.6	1.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	8.8	7.9	7.7	15.4	13.5	13.1
January	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.0	2.0	4.1	4.8	5.0	6.2	7.6	7.9
February	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.8	2.0	2.4	3.5	4.2
March	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	3.1	3.3
April	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.3	1.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.2	3.5	3.4
May	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.1	0.7	1.3	1.4	3.1	4.4	
June	0.7	0.8	3.3	3.3	3.7		1.5	2.0	2.1	5.6	6.5	
July	1.0	0.8	5.5	5.5	5.5		3.3	3.7	9.8	9.8	10.0	
August	1.0	0.7	9.1	9.1	8.6		5.5	5.5	15.6	14.8	14.8	
September	1.2	1.1	10.2	10.2	9.6		9.1	8.6	20.5	19.3	19.3	
October	1.3	1.3	10.2	10.2	9.7		10.2	9.6	21.7	20.5	20.5	
November	1.7	1.4	8.0	8.0	8.1		10.2	9.7	19.9	19.2	19.2	
December	1.5	1.2	4.8	4.8	5.0		8.0	8.1	14.3	14.2	14.2	

*Detail may not add exactly to totals due to rounding.

**Table 14.—USDA purchases of ready-to-cook turkeys by years, 1960-70,
by months 1970 to date**

Period	Size of turkey crop		Duration of program		Purchases	Range of price per pound	Commodity cost of program
	Head raised	Ready-to-cook weight	Numbers of weeks	Begin and end			
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Weeks</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1960	84	1,156	4	Sept. - Oct.	18,850	34.74-37.47	6,800
1961	108	1,506	10	Aug. - Nov.	60,090	25.25-33.33	17,065
1962	92	1,302	9	Sept. - Nov.	42,900	30.97-33.75	13,929
1963	94	1,355	8	Aug. - Oct.	43,560	31.48-33.75	14,200
1964	101	1,459	11	Aug. - Oct.	60,775	29.45-33.46	19,174
1965	106	1,521	7	Sept. - Nov.	29,736	30.43-40.95	9,382
1966	117	1,685	15	Aug. - Nov.	12,930	31.51-35.60	4,321
1967	127	1,883	16	July - Oct.	74,790	27.25-33.27	22,911
1968	107	1,620	8	Aug. - Sept.	44,610	29.90-36.37	14,942
1969	106	1,614	10	July - Oct.	20,590	32.86-37.99	7,145
1970	116	1,738	14	Aug. - Nov.	35,000	30.85-37.23	12,056
	Contracts let in month of*	Purchases		Commodity cost of purchases			
		For the month	Cumulative for the year	Range of prices per pound	For the month	Cumulative for the year	
		<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1970	August	10,850.0	10,850.0	33.20-36.83	3,820.0	3,820.0	
	September	13,650.0	24,500.0	32.81-37.23	4,871.0	8,691.0	
	October	8,400.0	32,900.0	31.07-33.98	2,700.0	11,392.0	
	November	2,100.0	35,000.0	30.85-32.59	664.0	12,056.0	
1971	July	8,190.0	8,190.0	31.93-35.17	2,778.0	2,778.0	
	August	6,790.0	14,980.0	32.37-35.19	2,327.0	5,106.0	
	September	10,360.0	25,340.0	31.33-34.69	3,436.0	8,542.0	
	October	12,670.0	38,010.0	30.64-33.59	4,087.0	12,629.0	
	November	7,140.0	45,150.0	31.02-34.77	2,344.0	14,973.0	

*USDA made no purchases in months not listed.

Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
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Table 16.—Per capita consumption of shell eggs

Shell equivalent														
1970	do.	24.9	21.9	24.9	23.7	24.0	22.1	23.7	23.9	22.9	24.1	24.0	25.4	285.7
1971	do.	25.4	22.3	24.7	23.9	24.6	22.8	24.1	24.2	22.9	24.3	23.8	25.2	288.2
1972	do.													

Tables 18-23.—Egg Prices: Average price per dozen at mid-month for shell eggs and per pound for frozen egg products

United States, received by farmers														
1970	do.	53.4	47.4	42.1	34.7	29.8	30.6	36.1	33.1	38.5	32.3	35.7	37.7	37.6
1971	do.	35.8	32.6	31.6	31.9	29.5	28.4	28.1	31.0	30.5	28.4	29.7	34.1	31.0
1972	do.	29.8												
Grade A large eggs in retail stores in urban areas ^{1 2}														
1970	do.	79.2	78.0	67.8	57.3	54.1	50.8	58.2	57.1	62.0	58.8	54.8	58.4	61.4
1971	do.	60.6	55.1	54.3	53.6	51.9	48.3	51.2	53.4	49.9	52.0	50.3	53.8	52.9
1972	do.													
Chicago, weighted average prices, delivered white, 80 percent A														
Large														
1970	do.	63.07	50.52	49.71	37.55	32.00	35.17	44.20	38.65	47.68	34.94	40.67	42.00	43.01
1971	do.	37.50	34.00	31.50	32.50	29.00	29.00	31.50	36.00	34.50	32.00	33.00	38.00	33.21
1972	do.	29.00	28.00											
Medium														
1970	do.	54.92	43.73	43.96	32.75	25.00	26.32	32.94	28.52	34.89	27.17	36.00	35.50	35.14
1971	do.	32.50	30.00	28.00	27.00	24.50	22.00	21.00	27.50	26.50	24.00	26.00	31.00	26.67
1972	do.	25.00	24.00											
Georgia, prices received by producers ³														
Grade A, large														
1970	do.	51.00	46.25	42.00	31.50	25.25	29.00	39.50	29.75	42.00	29.50	34.50	38.50	36.56
1971	do.	34.00	30.50	27.00	29.00	24.50	26.75	24.00	30.75	30.25	24.00	28.00	32.50	28.44
1972	do.	23.00	23.50											
Georgia, received by producers ³														
Grade A, medium														
1970	do.	51.50	43.25	38.50	27.50	18.50	20.00	28.00	22.25	30.50	20.50	31.50	34.00	30.50
1971	do.	30.25	25.50	23.50	23.25	18.25	17.00	15.75	21.25	19.25	19.00	22.00	29.25	22.02
1972	do.	18.00	19.25											
Iowa, received by farmers ³														
Buyer quality and volume incentive														
Large														
1970	do.	56.00	45.00	42.00	29.25	23.00	27.25	37.50	29.25	40.00	27.50	32.75	35.25	35.40
1971	do.	30.75	26.25	25.25	27.00	22.75	23.25	22.50	27.50	28.50	23.00	25.50	30.50	26.06
1972	do.	21.25	20.75											
Medium														
1970	do.	49.25	39.00	34.75	23.75	16.50	17.50	25.00	20.50	26.25	19.00	28.25	29.50	27.44
1971	do.	24.00	20.00	21.00	20.50	16.50	15.50	15.00	19.50	17.50	17.00	19.00	24.25	19.15
1972	do.	15.25	15.50											
Los Angeles, delivered to retailers, cartoned, Grade AA														
Large														
1970	do.	62.50	61.50	52.50	42.50	36.50	39.50	48.50	41.50	50.50	41.50	46.50	48.50	47.67
1971	do.	45.50	43.50	40.50	37.50	35.50	36.50	33.50	37.00	38.50	34.00	35.00	42.00	38.25
1972	do.	37.00	34.00											
Medium														
1970	do.	60.50	56.60	45.50	38.50	32.50	33.50	41.50	35.50	38.50	35.50	43.50	44.50	42.17
1971	do.	42.50	38.50	35.50	33.50	32.50	32.50	26.50	29.00	31.50	27.00	32.00	39.00	33.33
1972	do.	36.00	31.00											

Tables 24-27.—Egg prices: Monthly average price per dozen for shell eggs and per pound for frozen egg products

New York, wholesale prices, white														
Large, 75 percent A ³														
1970	do.	61.61	52.72	47.96	37.38	31.72	33.97	43.00	40.06	46.25	36.00	39.75	43.23	42.80
1971	do.	37.46	34.33	36.55	36.65	30.39	32.05	33.83	34.01	35.11	31.05	34.01	34.36	34.15
1972	do.	30.55												
Medium														
1970	do.	57.35	47.72	41.89	32.24	24.48	26.76	31.53	29.61	34.66	29.11	36.79	38.73	35.91
1971	do.	34.60	30.21	32.21	32.42	24.93	23.49	25.01	26.73	24.61	26.43	28.84	28.71	28.18
1972	do.	26.65												
Frozen egg														
Whole egg, light colored														
1970	do.	38.90	34.88	28.71	24.85	24.13	24.55	25.50	25.08	25.08	24.26	24.58	24.72	27.10
1971	do.	23.89	23.36	23.98	23.43	23.73	23.83	23.49	23.22	22.98	22.87	22.90	22.82	23.38
1972	do.	22.44												
White														
1970	do.	26.24	23.78	19.60	16.59	15.91	15.46	16.30	15.85	16.55	15.81	15.48	14.88	17.70
1971	do.	13.92	12.23	12.31	12.18	12.31	12.39	12.42	12.39	12.18	11.91	11.77	10.98	12.25
1972	do.	11.10												

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Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics —Continued

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Tables 24-27.—Egg Prices: Monthly average price per dozen for shell eggs and per pound for frozen egg products—Continued														
Yolks, light colored, sugared, 43 percent solids														
1970	do.	58.49	54.03	47.65	41.79	40.88	40.84	42.59	42.10	43.72	43.08	43.08	43.15	45.12
1971	do.	42.17	40.50	40.43	39.32	39.76	39.56	39.59	39.60	39.15	39.06	38.79	39.09	39.75
1972	do.	38.35												
Tables 28-33.—Average broiler prices per pound														
Liveweight														
United States, at farm														
1970	do.	14.8	14.3	14.5	13.7	13.8	13.4	13.3	13.1	13.3	12.4	12.9	12.0	13.5
1971	do.	13.0	13.7	13.7	13.6	14.3	14.9	15.9	14.3	14.2	13.0	12.6	12.1	13.8
1972	do.	13.4												
Ready-to-cook weight														
9-city weighted average ⁴														
1970	do.	28.64	27.36	27.78	26.60	26.80	26.62	26.05	25.50	26.46	24.90	25.92	24.24	26.41
1971	do.	26.36	27.46	26.99	26.71	28.44	29.48	30.38	27.98	27.24	25.88	24.81	24.15	27.16
1972	do.	27.08												
Frying chicken in retail stores in urban areas ^{1 2}														
1970	do.	42.8	42.3	41.5	40.9	40.9	41.2	41.5	40.3	39.4	39.2	38.2	40.9	40.8
1971	do.	40.1	39.6	40.8	40.8	40.7	42.3	42.4	42.2	42.2	41.1	40.3	40.1	41.0
1972	do.													
Chicken breasts, in retail urban areas ^{1 5}														
1970	do.	74.9	75.5	75.4	74.7	74.6	74.0	73.8	74.2	73.3	73.5	71.6	73.0	74.0
1971	do.	72.5	73.4	73.4	74.8	74.5	75.1	75.9	77.5	77.0	76.1	74.9	75.0	75.0
1972	do.													
Broilers, delivered, trucklots (U.S. and plant, Grade A)														
Chicago														
1970	do.	28.2	27.2	27.7	26.4	26.5	26.1	25.9	25.4	26.0	24.6	25.5	24.8	26.2
1971	do.	26.1	27.1	26.7	26.4	28.2	29.1	30.0	27.6	27.0	25.4	24.4	24.1	26.8
1972	do.	26.7												
New York														
1970	do.	28.4	26.8	27.7	26.8	26.9	26.5	26.1	25.5	26.1	24.9	24.9	25.2	26.3
1971	do.	26.6	27.6	26.9	26.4	28.4	29.6	30.5	27.9	27.1	25.6	24.1	23.4	27.0
1972	do.	26.3												
Los Angeles														
1970	do.	29.6	28.8	28.7	26.6	27.1	26.7	26.4	26.5	26.4	25.6	26.1	25.3	27.0
1971	do.	26.4	27.8	28.0	27.5	29.3	29.5	30.8	28.5	28.2	27.3	26.4	26.1	28.0
1972	do.	28.3												
Tables 34-39.—Average turkey prices per pound														
Liveweight														
U.S., at farm at mid-month														
1970	do.	25.0	25.3	25.9	25.2	24.0	23.4	22.3	22.2	22.5	22.3	22.0	22.5	23.6
1971	do.	21.7	21.4	21.2	21.0	20.9	21.7	21.6	22.1	22.2	21.9	22.1	23.1	21.7
1972	do.	22.8												
San Joaquin Valley														
Heavy-type young toms														
1970	do.	24.1	—	—	24.5	24.6	24.4	20.4	21.4	20.8	19.5	19.2	20.1	21.9
1971	do.	20.2	—	—	—	20.7	20.4	20.5	20.5	19.8	18.9	19.8	21.0	20.2
1972	do.	—												
San Joaquin Valley														
Heavy-type young hens														
1970	do.	—	24.0	30.0	25.1	24.4	22.7	22.2	23.5	23.3	23.2	23.1	26.0	24.3
1971	do.	—	—	21.4	22.7	20.4	22.3	22.6	23.0	23.5	23.5	25.4	28.1	23.3
1972	do.	—												
Ready-to-cook weight														
In retail stores in urban areas ^{1 5}														
Turkeys														
1970	do.	54.3	55.6	56.0	57.0	57.3	57.1	56.2	55.9	55.2	56.0	56.1	54.0	55.9
1971	do.	54.0	54.3	54.2	51.8	53.8	54.7	55.2	55.4	55.7	55.9	55.6	54.8	54.6
1972	do.													
New York, wholesale, frozen														
Toms, heaviest weights quoted														
1970	do.	44.8	47.0	49.1	49.9	50.4	50.8	50.6	50.5	49.5	43.1	42.2	43.4	47.6
1971	do.	43.5	43.3	41.7	32.7	40.4	40.5	41.4	42.5	42.5	41.2	42.3	43.8	41.4
1972	do.	43.8												
Young toms -14-20 pounds														
1970	do.	39.3	38.8	40.0	40.3	40.9	37.9	34.2	34.5	35.1	34.0	34.0	33.8	36.9
1971	do.	33.8	33.5	32.9	32.7	33.0	33.5	34.0	34.5	34.1	33.7	34.6	36.2	33.9
1972	do.	36.0												
Young Hens-8-16 pounds														
1970	do.	46.6	46.6	46.6	40.9	39.4	36.7	36.2	37.3	38.9	39.1	39.0	40.3	40.6
1971	do.	39.0	36.5	35.0	35.4	36.2	37.1	38.3	39.1	38.9	37.4	37.9	39.1	37.5
1972	do.	38.0												
Hens, 12-14 pounds														
1970	do.	50.0	50.0	49.9	45.0	42.9	40.8	38.2	39.0	40.6	41.5	41.7	42.2	43.5
1971	do.	42.2	39.9	37.2	35.4	37.8	38.9	40.0	40.8	41.2	40.3	40.4	41.2	39.6
1972	do.	40.6												

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Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics—Continued

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
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Tables 34-39.—Average turkey prices per pound—Continued

Ready-to-cook weight—Continued														
Chicago, wholesale, frozen														
Toms, heaviest weights quoted														
1970	do.	43.8	45.4	47.0	47.8	48.1	49.5	49.0	48.5	48.5	43.0	40.4	40.5	46.0
1971	do.	40.5	40.6	40.8	39.9	39.5	39.7	40.2	40.7	41.0	40.9	41.0	41.5	40.5
1972	do.	41.5												
Hens, 12-14 pounds														
1970	do.	47.5	47.5	47.5	45.3	43.9	41.7	38.3	38.0	40.0	40.3	40.5	41.8	42.7
1971	do.	41.2	39.7	36.5	36.3	36.9	38.3	39.1	40.3	40.5	39.8	39.7	41.0	39.1
1972	do.	40.4												

Tables 40-43.—Prices paid for broiler-type chicks, poults, broiler hatching eggs, feed and feed ingredients

All poults each														
1970	do.	54.9	55.4	55.8	57.1	56.9	56.9	56.3	54.7	53.0	54.6	53.6	52.9	55.2
1971	do.	55.2	55.8	56.1	57.3	57.9	58.2	57.2	56.9	56.3	56.2	54.9	55.3	56.4
1972	do.	57.0												
Feed per ton														
Laying feed ⁶														
1970	do.	82.0	83.0	83.0	83.0	82.0	83.0	84.0	84.0	86.0	87.0	86.0	87.0	84.2
1971	do.	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	89.0	88.0	86.0	83.0	83.0	83.0	87.0
1972	do.	84.0												
Broiler grower feed ⁶														
1970	do.	93.0	94.0	94.0	93.0	94.0	93.0	94.0	95.0	97.0	98.0	99.0	99.0	95.2
1971	do.	99.0	98.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0	99.0	98.0	96.0	94.0	94.0	95.0	98.0
1972	do.	96.0												
Turkey grower feed ⁶														
1970	do.	93.0	94.0	92.0	92.0	93.0	93.0	93.0	94.0	97.0	96.0	96.0	97.0	94.2
1971	do.	98.0	98.0	99.0	99.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	96.0	95.0	93.0	92.0	91.0	96.0
1972	do.	93.0												
Corn, Chicago No. 2 yellow (per bushel)														
1970	do.	1.20	1.20	1.19	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.36	1.40	1.34	1.34	1.43	1.29
1971	do.	1.46	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.45	1.45	1.41	1.24	1.15	1.14	1.15	1.22	1.33
1972	do.	1.22												
Soybean meal, 44 percent, Decatur (per ton, bulk)														
1970	do.	87.50	85.25	71.80	74.60	71.20	74.70	82.90	84.00	81.20	77.25	77.90	82.00	79.20
1971	do.	80.25	77.50	77.00	74.25	78.25	81.50	84.25	78.75	73.25	74.75	73.80	80.60	77.85
1972	do.	82.60												

Tables 44-46.—Number of layers on farms, rate of egg production, and total egg output on farms, 50 States

Average for the month														
Number of layers on farms														
1970	do.	325	324	322	320	317	315	315	317	322	327	330	333	322
1971	do.	332	328	325	322	319	316	314	316	318	322	327	328	322
1972	do.													
Eggs laid per 100 layers														
1970	do.	1,812	1,653	1,883	1,856	1,923	1,834	1,868	1,842	1,756	1,806	1,757	1,831	218
1971	do.	1,852	1,702	1,914	1,876	1,950	1,879	1,909	1,877	1,802	1,860	1,811	1,879	223
1972	do.													
Total monthly egg production														
1970	Mil. cs.	16.4	14.9	16.8	16.5	16.9	16.1	16.3	16.2	15.7	16.4	16.1	17.0	195.3
1971	Mil. cs.	17.1	15.5	17.3	16.8	17.3	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.9	16.6	16.4	17.1	199.7
1972	Mil. cs.													
First of month														
Number of layers on farms														
1970	do.	327	324	323	321	319	315	315	315	319	325	329	332	
1971	do.	335	330	326	324	320	318	314	315	317	319	325	328	
1972	do.	328												
Eggs laid per 100 layers														
1970	do.	58.8	58.2	60.0	61.5	62.2	61.8	60.5	60.0	58.7	58.3	58.1	59.0	
1971	do.	59.1	60.4	61.2	62.2	62.8	63.0	62.2	60.9	60.2	59.8	60.1	60.6	
1972	do.	60.6												

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Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics —Continued

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Tables 44-46.—Number of layers on farms, rate of egg production, and total egg output on farms, 50 States—Continued														
Average for the month—Continued														
Daily rate of egg production														
1970	mil. eggs	192	189	194	197	198	195	191	189	187	190	191	196	
1971	mil. eggs	198	199	199	202	201	200	195	192	191	191	195	199	
1972	mil. eggs	199												

Tables 47-52.—Factors in monthly supply of shell eggs, 50 States

Eggs produced on farms														
1970	1,000 cs.	16,372	14,864	16,850	16,494	16,944	16,056	16,339	16,203	15,706	16,414	16,119	16,950	195,311
1971	1,000 cs.	17,092	15,497	17,289	16,797	17,289	16,494	16,667	16,461	15,900	16,631	16,436	17,133	199,686
1972	1,000 cs.													
Storage movement of shell eggs														
1970	1,000 cs.	-5	33	4	-22	50	46	-10	-49	80	-42	-60	-25	0
1971	1,000 cs.	9	-7	86	-59	21	-3	50	-7	-7	1	-41	-34	9
1972	1,000 cs.	-14												
Eggs broken commercially														
1970	1,000 cs.	1,246	1,293	1,469	1,671	1,926	2,142	1,770	1,606	1,491	1,621	1,335	1,364	18,934
1971	1,000 cs.	1,529	1,477	1,832	1,809	1,879	2,130	1,633	1,532	1,590	1,615	1,601	1,443	20,070
1972	1,000 cs.													
Eggs used for hatching														
1970	1,000 cs.	1,072	1,284	1,296	1,300	1,204	1,117	1,033	941	963	1,005	1,049	1,081	13,345
1971	1,000 cs.	998	1,193	1,227	1,236	1,166	1,099	1,087	974	966	1,000	1,055	1,111	13,112
1972	1,000 cs.													
Balance														
1970	1,000 cs.	14,059	12,254	14,081	13,545	13,764	12,751	13,546	13,705	13,172	13,830	13,795	14,530	163,032
1971	1,000 cs.	14,556	12,834	14,144	13,811	14,223	13,268	13,897	13,962	13,351	14,015	13,821	14,613	166,495
1972	1,000 cs.													

Tables 53-54.—Commercial production of poultry and red meat, 48 States

Chicken and turkey meat, Ready-to-cook weight ⁷														
1970	mil. lb.	749	655	726	763	755	895	956	958	1,001	1,063	875	846	10,242
1971	mil. lb.	762	676	791	757	749	894	909	1,020	1,003	989	935	870	10,355
1972	mil. lb.													
Total red meat, carcass weight ⁸														
1970	mil. lb.	3,020	2,658	2,934	3,018	2,839	2,877	2,831	2,829	3,119	3,288	3,033	3,313	35,818
1971	mil. lb.	3,176	2,777	3,300	3,163	3,032	3,194	2,991	3,067	3,204	3,129	3,166	3,160	37,361
1972	mil. lb.													

Table 56.—Chicken certified as wholesome in Federally inspected plants, ready-to-cook weight

Young														
1970	mil. lb.	580.1	522.9	573.1	628.0	601.4	666.1	657.0	611.5	613.5	633.4	512.9	561.5	7,161.1
1971	mil. lb.	563.1	530.3	616.5	599.4	592.1	654.3	619.4	673.7	630.9	624.5	576.2	600.7	7,281.0
1972	mil. lb.													
Mature														
1970	mil. lb.	38.9	37.9	45.4	47.0	43.5	44.8	38.5	42.2	42.5	47.4	41.1	47.1	516.3
1971	mil. lb.	47.0	45.5	49.1	46.6	39.6	46.3	37.5	37.3	47.2	42.3	43.5	41.9	523.9
1972	mil. lb.													
Total														
1970	mil. lb.	619.0	560.7	618.5	675.0	645.0	710.8	695.4	653.7	656.0	680.7	554.0	608.6	7,677.5
1971	mil. lb.	610.1	575.8	665.7	646.0	631.7	700.6	656.9	711.0	678.1	666.8	619.7	642.5	7,804.9
1972	mil. lb.													

Table 57.—Chicken and turkey inspected for canning and other processed foods in Federally inspected plants, ready-to-cook weight

Chicken														
Young														
1970	mil. lb.	24.6	26.2	27.9	32.3	27.1	30.2	28.7	26.8	29.0	31.4	26.3	26.9	337.3
1971	mil. lb.	29.6	27.4	32.6	30.6	30.7	34.0	33.4	31.9	34.0	33.7	32.9	32.1	382.8
1972	mil. lb.													
Mature														
1970	mil. lb.	31.2	30.4	31.5	30.3	28.2	32.3	30.6	31.8	34.1	39.7	36.0	36.1	392.4
1971	mil. lb.	36.4	36.7	42.4	39.2	36.7	37.4	29.2	34.1	33.6	33.9	35.4	33.0	428.0
1972	mil. lb.													
Total														
1970	mil. lb.	55.9	56.6	59.4	62.6	55.3	62.6	59.4	58.6	63.1	71.0	62.3	63.0	729.7
1971	mil. lb.	66.0	64.1	75.0	69.8	67.4	71.3	62.6	65.9	67.6	67.6	68.3	65.1	810.8
1972	mil. lb.													
Turkey														
1970	mil. lb.	36.5	30.4	27.5	25.7	24.7	34.5	47.1	48.8	53.2	60.7	49.7	39.7	479.4
1971	mil. lb.	36.1	34.8	39.4	33.3	32.7	46.2	53.6	58.6	60.6	65.5	56.2	45.5	562.5
1972	mil. lb.													

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics —Continued

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Table 59.—Turkey certified as wholesome in Federally inspected plants, ready-to-cook weight														
Fryer-roasters														
1970	Mil. lb.	5.8	4.3	7.3	6.5	5.8	6.3	6.8	5.9	6.5	8.9	9.9	8.1	82.2
1971	Mil. lb.	6.4	6.2	9.8	8.2	5.6	7.2	6.1	6.6	6.4	8.4	7.8	8.1	87.0
1972	Mil. lb.													
Young turkeys														
1970	Mil. lb.	34.1	17.4	14.3	20.4	27.4	98.3	161.4	204.9	237.4	267.7	234.7	140.1	1,468.0
1971	Mil. lb.	42.4	24.7	31.6	38.6	56.0	115.8	166.0	213.2	228.8	247.3	234.6	137.3	1,536.2
1972	Mil. lb.													
Old turkeys														
1970	Mil. lb.	.7	.5	.5	.7	1.7	4.9	3.9	1.1	.7	.4	.3	.9	16.3
1971	Mil. lb.	1.0	.6	1.3	.9	1.5	4.7	5.0	1.4	.6	.2	.5	.7	18.4
1972	Mil. lb.													
Total turkeys														
1970	Mil. lb.	40.5	22.2	22.1	27.6	44.9	109.5	172.1	212.0	244.6	276.9	244.9	149.2	1,566.5
1971	Mil. lb.	49.9	31.5	42.7	47.7	63.1	127.7	177.1	221.2	235.8	256.0	242.9	146.1	1,641.6
1972	Mil. lb.													

Table 60.—Ducks, other poultry, and total poultry certified as wholesome in Federally inspected plants, ready-to-cook weight

Ducks														
1970	Mil. lb.	2.6	1.9	2.8	4.2	4.7	6.6	6.3	5.6	5.6	5.0	3.9	3.4	52.6
1971	Mil. lb.	2.0	1.7	2.9	4.5	4.6	6.0	5.3	5.7	5.3	4.5	4.1	2.7	49.4
1972	Mil. lb.													
Other poultry														
1970	Mil. lb.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	1.2	1.9	.6	5.0
1971	Mil. lb.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.3	1.5	2.0	1.1	6.1
1972	Mil. lb.													
Total poultry														
1970	Mil. lb.	662.3	585.0	643.5	706.8	694.6	827.2	874.0	871.4	906.4	963.9	804.7	761.8	9,301.6
1971	Mil. lb.	662.1	609.1	711.4	698.3	699.5	834.4	839.6	938.2	919.4	928.8	868.7	792.4	9,502.1
1972	Mil. lb.													

Tables 61-62.—Chicks hatched by types and pullet chicks placed

Chicks hatched														
Broiler-type														
1970	do.	270.1	254.1	296.0	294.2	300.7	287.2	268.4	260.7	223.8	228.4	246.6	259.0	3,189.2
1971	do.	263.2	237.8	278.2	280.6	287.5	278.4	267.3	267.1	239.1	237.4	248.3	264.8	3,149.7
1972	do.													
Egg-type														
1970	do.	46.3	46.9	64.6	69.8	64.4	50.9	45.1	29.4	40.5	42.2	35.5	35.5	571.1
1971	do.	40.4	42.3	56.7	63.8	59.6	49.1	41.3	38.0	34.4	33.8	32.5	31.6	523.6
1972	do.													
Pullet chicks placed domestically for broiler hatchery supply flocks ⁹														
Total														
1970	Thou.	3,141	3,231	3,645	3,811	3,677	3,420	3,084	2,998	2,709	2,783	3,295	2,956	38,750
1971	Thou.	2,750	2,599	3,013	3,160	3,196	3,031	2,841	2,929	2,559	2,543	2,553	2,794	33,968
1972	Thou.													
Cumulation relevant to breeder flock ¹⁰														
1970	Thou.	26,591	26,465	26,377	26,351	26,782	26,504	26,058	25,153	24,975	25,594	26,345	27,089	
1971	Thou.	27,272	27,056	27,007	26,575	26,127	25,777	24,922	23,995	23,174	23,103	23,265	23,752	
1972	Thou.	24,000	23,546	23,519	23,328	23,272	22,812	22,446						
1973	Thou.													
For laying flock replacements ¹¹														
1970	Thou.	26,284	26,701	35,949	38,691	35,860	28,872	25,625	17,714	22,970	23,867	21,068	20,720	324,321
1971	Thou.	22,941	23,771	31,379	35,078	33,013	27,571	23,473	21,943	19,781	19,465	18,783	18,578	295,776
1972	Thou.													

Table 63.—Poults hatched by breeds

Poults hatched														
Light breeds														
1970	Thou.	919	742	994	1,030	1,190	1,279	1,718	1,477	1,000	931	1,231	1,211	13,722
1971	Thou.	1,099	819	804	736	1,086	1,260	1,412	1,176	998	1,171	1,204	1,006	12,771
1972	Thou.													
Total heavy breeds														
1970	Thou.	6,696	10,995	18,174	20,472	20,309	15,992	9,591	3,580	1,622	2,033	2,597	4,020	116,021
1971	Thou.	7,433	10,914	17,288	19,154	19,403	16,162	9,921	3,932	2,207	2,003	2,745	4,170	115,332
1972	Thou.													
All breeds														
1970	Thou.	7,615	11,677	19,168	21,502	21,499	17,271	11,309	5,057	2,622	2,964	3,828	5,231	129,743
1971	Thou.	8,532	11,733	18,092	19,890	20,489	17,422	11,333	5,108	3,205	3,174	3,949	5,176	128,103
1972	Thou.													

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 15.—Selected poultry and egg statistics —Continued

Item	Data in—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
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Table 66.—Cold storage holdings of shell and frozen eggs, first of month

All frozen eggs														
1970	Mil. lb.	42.7	40.5	39.9	40.5	42.7	48.1	55.6	60.1	63.5	59.8	57.7	54.9	
1971	Mil. lb.	49.9	49.0	51.1	54.3	60.4	67.4	75.1	79.9	81.4	84.0	82.2	80.2	
1972	Mil. lb.	73.8	70.6											
Shell eggs														
1970	1,000 cs.	51	46	79	83	61	111	157	147	98	178	136	76	
1971	1,000 cs.	51	60	53	139	80	101	98	148	141	134	135	94	
1972	1,000 cs.	60	46											
Shell equivalent of all eggs														
1970	1,000 cs.	1,131	1,072	1,088	1,109	1,142	1,329	1,565	1,668	1,706	1,693	1,597	1,466	
1971	1,000 cs.	1,315	1,299	1,348	1,513	1,608	1,807	1,999	2,171	2,201	2,262	2,215	2,123	
1972	1,000 cs.	1,929	1,834											

Table 67.—Cold storage holdings of frozen eggs, by types, first of the month

Frozen whole or mixed egg														
1970	Mil. lb.	21.6	20.1	21.2	21.7	22.9	27.1	31.8	35.3	37.8	36.2	34.2	33.2	
1971	Mil. lb.	29.4	28.6	29.4	30.5	33.6	37.7	41.9	45.0	46.8	47.9	46.6	45.7	
1972	Mil. lb.	42.7	40.2											
Frozen egg whites														
1970	Mil. lb.	6.2	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	7.1	7.9	7.9	6.8	7.2	6.3	
1971	Mil. lb.	6.0	6.1	7.0	7.5	7.9	8.9	9.4	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.7	10.6	
1972	Mil. lb.	9.6	9.6											
Yolk														
1970	Mil. lb.	13.1	12.3	11.3	11.7	12.7	13.3	14.7	14.9	15.8	14.6	13.9	13.0	
1971	Mil. lb.	13.0	12.7	13.2	14.8	16.6	18.4	21.0	21.8	21.6	22.6	22.1	20.9	
1972	Mil. lb.	18.4	18.0											

Table 68-69.—Cold storage holdings of poultry, first of the month

Turkey														
1970	Mil. lb.	191.9	162.1	132.7	101.1	81.5	73.7	94.7	155.5	237.9	343.0	450.5	313.1	
1971	Mil. lb.	218.9	206.1	174.2	144.0	119.9	111.5	140.3	202.8	307.6	389.0	475.2	308.7	
1972	Mil. lb.	223.1	211.8											
Poultry excluding turkeys and ducks														
1970	Mil. lb.	109.7	106.0	113.0	118.4	121.1	133.7	146.9	154.0	157.6	161.1	165.9	162.7	
1971	Mil. lb.	163.5	156.5	150.9	145.7	140.4	134.4	140.6	144.1	146.1	148.9	150.9	149.7	
1972	Mil. lb.	148.4	141.8											
Broilers and fryers														
1970	Mil. lb.	23.4	26.5	28.9	28.2	26.1	27.7	30.6	32.3	31.0	31.8	33.6	38.6	
1971	Mil. lb.	39.3	35.2	30.2	30.3	27.7	25.7	27.3	26.5	28.3	27.9	29.0	32.0	
1972	Mil. lb.	31.6	(¹)											

Tables 70-71.—Exports of fresh or frozen poultry to selected areas

Broilers														
1970	Thou. lb.	5,874	6,575	7,686	7,057	9,012	7,698	8,171	9,539	9,656	8,065	8,147	6,257	93,738
1971	Thou. lb.	7,614	6,975	7,011	7,327	9,414	9,022	8,494	14,141	9,951	3,620	5,756	11,218	100,542
1972	Thou. lb.													
Turkeys														
1970	Thou. lb.	2,740	2,070	1,836	1,965	1,390	1,807	1,877	3,525	4,686	6,368	3,974	2,736	34,961
1971	Thou. lb.	925	2,275	1,644	1,428	794	1,068	1,529	1,986	3,899	2,357	2,494	2,688	23,090
1972	Thou. lb.													

Tables 72-75.—USDA contracts to purchase dried whole egg solids, young chickens, and turkeys

Egg products (shell equivalent)														
1970	1,000 cs.	—	—	—	190	336	320	—	—	—	—	—	—	846
1971	1,000 cs.	162	84	85	119	112	162	116	9	304	275	132	40	1,600
1972	1,000 cs.													
Young chickens, ready-to-cook wt.														
1970	Mil. lb.	7.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.1	11.9	10.3	9.7	11.2	55.4
1971	Mil. lb.	4.2	—	—	—	—	—	3.6	5.9	10.6	8.5	10.3	7.3	50.4
1972	Mil. lb.													
Canned boned chicken														
1970	Doz. cans	—	—	—	—	—	479.4	244.8	244.8	268.6	57.8	74.8	224.4	1,594.6
1971	Doz. cans	85.0	190.4	71.4	—	—	—	156.4	105.4	—	—	—	91.8	700.4
1972	Doz. cans													
Canned boned turkey														
1970	Doz. cans	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.4	23.8	—	78.2	306.0	44.2	472.6
1971	Doz. cans	85.0	20.4	23.8	—	—	—	149.6	207.4	—	—	—	—	486.2
1972	Doz. cans													
Turkey, ready-to-cook wt.														
1970	Mil. lb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.8	13.7	8.4	2.1	—	35.0
1971	Mil. lb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.2	6.8	10.4	12.7	—	7.1	45.2
1972	Mil. lb.													

¹Reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prices collected during a three-day period in the month. ²Fifty urban areas in sample.

³Midpoint of reported range, however, mostly prices when quoted. ⁴Trucklot sales, ice packed. The 9 cities are Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and San Francisco.

⁵Thirty-five urban areas.

⁶Beginning January 1968 complete feed, no specification for completeness in prior years. 1967 revised to reflect proportions sold in bulk and sacked and quantity price discounts. ⁷Chicken and turkey meat exclude slaughter on farms for home use and nonfarm production. Estimates of monthly poultry meat production based on available indications of marketing developed from information on

inventories, numbers raised, intentions to raise and market poultry as well as data on chick placement and current monthly marketings.

⁸Excludes farm slaughter, lard and rendered pork fat. ⁹Placements reported by leading breeders. ¹⁰Sum of domestic placements 7-14 months previous. ¹¹One-half egg-type chick hatch plus pullet chicks placed for hatchery supply flocks. ¹²Discontinued.

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